

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A portable radio communications device comprising:
a body;
a cover having a closed position for at least partially covering the body and an open position;
a display; and
keys accessible when the cover is in the closed position, one of said keys being multifunctional and in a position remote from all other keys
wherein:
the function of the multifunctional key is dependent upon the state of the device, and
for at least one state of the device, operation of the multifunctional key controls the provision of information on the display,
wherein the multifunctional key is arranged to be active when the cover is in the closed position and inactive when the cover is in the open position, and wherein the multifunctional key is located on the cover.
2. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the display comprises a portion which is visible when the cover is in the closed position, and the key is operable to control the provision of information on the portion of the display visible when the cover is in the closed position.
3. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, which comprises a receiver.
4. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1 wherein, when the device is in a state corresponding to the receipt of a message, the key is operable to control the provision of information corresponding to the message.

5. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1 wherein, when the device is in a state corresponding to the receipt of a missed call, the key is operable to control the provision of information corresponding to the missed call.

6. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, which comprises a transmitter.

7. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1 wherein, when the device is in an idle state, the key is operable to control the provision of information corresponding to the last number dialed.

8. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1 arranged for coupling to a headset, and when the device is in a headset coupled state, the key is operable to control the provision of information corresponding to the last number dialed.

9. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein operation of the key is a single actuation.

10. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a hinge switch for detecting when the cover makes a specific acute angle with the body.

11. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 10, further comprising a processor for detecting, via the hinge switch, when the cover is in the open position and when the cover is in the closed position.

12. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the processor is arranged to disable the multifunctional key when the cover is in the open position.

13. Canceled.

14. (New) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the multifunctional key is the only key disposed on a first surface of the cover.

15. (New) A portable radio communications device comprising:
a body;
a cover having a closed position for at least partially covering the body and an open position;
a display; and
keys accessible when the cover is in the closed position, one of said keys being multifunctional and being the only key disposed on a first surface of the cover, wherein:
the function of the multifunctional key is dependent upon the state of the device, and
for at least one state of the device, operation of the multifunctional key controls the provision of information on the display,
wherein the multifunctional key is arranged to be active when the cover is in the closed position and inactive when the cover is in the open position.

16. (New) A device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the display comprises a portion which is visible when the cover is in the closed position, and the key is operable to control the provision of information on the portion of the display visible when the cover is in the closed position.

17. (New) A device as claimed in claim 15, wherein, when the device is in a state corresponding to the receipt of a message, the key is operable to control the provision of information corresponding to the message.

18. (New) A device as claimed in claim 15, wherein, when the device is in a state corresponding to the receipt of a missed call, the key is operable to control the provision of information corresponding to the missed call.

19. (New) A device as claimed in claim 15, wherein, when the device is in an idle state, the key is operable to control the provision of information corresponding to the last number dialed.

20. (New) A device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the device is arranged for coupling to a headset, and when the device is in a headset coupled state, the key is operable to control the provision of information corresponding to the last number dialed.

21. (New) A device as claimed in claim 15, wherein operation of the key is a single actuation.